



Washington State Conservation Commission

April 24, 2006

TO: CONSERVATION DISTRICT MANAGERS

FR: MARK CLARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: LIVESTOCK TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS

At the March 16th Commission meeting, the Commission took the following action regarding the Technical Assistance funds for Livestock:

Commissioner Adams moved to allow use of the \$50,000 for water quality referrals work per recommendation of WSCC staff and direct staff to work with the Department of Agriculture and the WACD Livestock Committee on a recommendation for the \$50,000 set aside for referrals and distribution of the \$120,028 of Livestock Technical Assistance Funding. The recommendation is to be brought to the Commission at the May Meeting. Commissioner Bahrych seconded.

Motion passed.

Commissioner Barker moved to amend the motion to include a hold on the \$120,028 and allow flexibility of the \$50,000 between now and the May Meeting. Commissioner Faulconer seconded.

Amendment passed.

This came from a recommendation that I had brought forward after discussion with WSDA staff. The issue surrounds producers who have significant issues in their plans due to changes in site conditions, operation or other management considerations. For those facilities where the changes are needed to decrease their threat to water quality, funds will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The need for the update may or may not be based upon an inspection or referral. When the update is warranted to prevent water quality contamination and a referral is not issued, updating the plan will be an allowable charge against the available \$49,267. Funds are available on a per-plan, per-hour basis of not to exceed 30 hours/plan X the composite rate.

The same \$49,267 set aside by the Commission, will remain available on a first-come, first-served basis for districts that have a producer who has received a referral from a regulatory agency. Funds for these referrals are available on a per-plan, per-hour basis of not to exceed 80 hours/plan X # plans X composite rate. The Commission asked that I work with both WSDA and the Livestock Committee on the number of potential plans in this category.

The decision on how to utilize the additional \$120,028 available was put on hold until the May meeting, or a special meeting, once input is received from WSDA and the WACD Livestock committee.

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